

Solution of J and K Issue

1680. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the All Parties Hurriyat Conference has prepared his version of a solution for the Jammu and Kashmir issue, but instead of taking Government into confidence it plans to discuss its solution first with Islamabad;

(b) whether Mirwaiz Umar Farooq plans to lead a delegation of his faction of Hurriyat to Islamabad for this purpose; and

(c) if so, Government response to this development?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) As per media reports, the All Parties Hurriyat Conference leaders have been meeting with Pakistani officials. However, the relevant facts have not been shared with the Government of India.

(b) Government has no intimation of this.

(c) Does not arise.

NAM meeting in Havana

1681. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the talks held between the Prime Minister and President of Pakistan in Havana during NAM meeting in September last;

(b) the decisions taken at the meetings; and

(c) the follows up action so far taken by the two countries to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh met Pakistani President Gen. Musharraf on September 16, 2006. The exchanged views on all aspect of India-Pakistan relations. Desirous of

carrying forward the dialogue process, the leaders reiterated their commitments and determination to implement the joint statements of January 6, 2004, September 24, 2004, April 18, 2005 and September 14, 2005. They strongly condemned all acts of terrorism and agreed that terrorism is a scourge that needs to be effectively dealt with. They decided to put in place an India-Pakistan anti-terrorism institutional mechanism to identify and implement counter-terrorism initiatives and investigations. The leaders decided to continue the joint search for mutually acceptable options for a peaceful negotiated settlement of all issues between India and Pakistan, including the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, in a sincere and purposeful manner. On the Jammu and Kashmir issue, there had been useful discussions. They agreed on the need to build on convergences and narrow down divergences. They also directed the Foreign Secretaries to meet in New Delhi to continue the composite dialogue and arrange for consultations on the Siachen issue. It was agreed to hold a meeting of Experts to discuss the coordinates for joint survey of Sir Creek and adjoining areas and for discussions on the maritime boundary. Both sides agreed to facilitate implementation of agreements and understandings already reached on LOC-related CBMs, including on bus services, crossing points and truck service.

(c) The Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan met in New Delhi on November 14-15, 2006. The two sides agreed to set up a three-member anti-terror mechanism to be headed by Additional Secretaries with a mandate to consider counter terrorism measures, including through the regular and timely sharing of information. The progress in the third round of the Composite Dialogue was also reviewed. The two Foreign Secretaries also exchanged views on Siachen. On Sir Creek both sides agreed to hold a meeting of experts on 22-23 December 2006. Measures to facilitate implementation of LoC related CBMs were also discussed. The Foreign Secretaries agreed to meet in February 2007 in Islamabad to launch the next round of the Composite Dialogue.

Restriction against North Korea

†1682. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether America has requested Government of India to impose United Nations Security Councils' strict restrictions against North Korea; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.